

R E M A R K S

Editorial revisions were made to claims 1, 3, 4, 9 to 18 and 20.

Withdrawn claims 5 to 8, 19 and 21 were canceled hereinabove. These claims are being pursued in a Divisional application (application Serial No. 11/977,868 filed October 26, 2007).

The amendment to claim 1 regarding the active hydrogen-containing compound for blocking an isocyanate group is described in the present specification on page 31, line 13 to page 32, line 4.

The amendment to claim 1 concerning the active hydrogen-containing compound which reacts with the epoxy group is described in the present specification on page 36, line 5 to page 37, line 6.

The amendment to claim 16 pertaining to the active hydrogen-containing compound which reacts with the epoxy group is described in the present specification on page 78, line 1 to page 79, line 27.

The amendment to claim 18 with respect to the active hydrogen-containing compound for blocking an isocyanate group is described in the present specification on page 31, line 13 to page 32, line 4.

The amendment to claim 18 regarding the active hydrogen-containing compound which reacts with the epoxy group is described in the present specification on page 36, line 5 to page 37, line 6.

New claims 22 and 23, which further define the "active hydrogen-containing compound" are supported in the specification on page 31, line 13 to page 32, line 4.

New claim 24, which further defines the "active hydrogen-containing compound," is supported in the specification on page 78, line 11 to page 79, line 27.

Claims 1 to 4, 9 to 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth in item nos. 6 and 7 at the bottom of page 2 of the Office Action.

The claims were amended to avoid this rejection. Withdrawal of the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection is thus respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 4, 9 to 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by JP 2004-162097 to Miyoshi et al. for the reasons set forth in item no. 10 on page 3 of the Office Action.

Claims 1 to 4, 9 to 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over JP 2004-162097 to Miyoshi et al. for the reasons set forth in item no. 13 on page 4 of the Office Action.

JP 2004-162097 was published on June 10, 2004.

Submitted concomitantly herewith is an English-language translation (along with a STATEMENT OF ACCURACY OF TRANSLATION of Mr. Kazuhiro FURUKAWA dated January 31, 2008) of applicants' priority application JP 2004-146334 filed May 17, 2004.

The filing date of applicants' priority application JP 2004-146334 (May 17, 2004) is prior to the June 20, 2004 publication date of JP 2004-162097. Withdrawal of JP 2004-162097 as a reference is therefore respectfully requested.

Withdrawal of each of the 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 rejections is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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(2) English-language translation of JP 2004-146334
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